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SUBJECT: PERMANENT BASE

1. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS ON STATUS OF PERMANENT BASE AS ASSESSED BY SSM REPS.

2. ALL BUT NINE MODULES ON SITE. FOUR WILL BE HELD AT ASHDOD FOR DIRECT TRANSPORTATION TO MITLA STATIONS. PLACEMENT OF 1 / 2 AND 4 MAN MODULES PROCEEDS APACE; DIRECTOR'S MODULES EMPLACED.

3. WATER. AVAILABLE PLANS AND INFORMATION ARE THAT WATER FROM PIPELINE WILL BE STORED IN THE FIBERGLASS TANKS AND DISTRIBUTED IN THE CAMP BY THE PUMPS. PLEASE ADVISE HOW THE TANKS ARE TO BE CLEANED AFTER MUD FILLS LOWER PART OF TANK. UNDERSTOOD FILTER WAS CONSIDERED BUT NOT INCLUDED IN FINAL DESIGN. WATER CONTINUES TO BE RUSTY AND MURKY. IDF CANNOT DETERMINE THE BASIC PROBLEM BUT DID LOCATE A BREAK IN THE LINE AT 1800 HOURS.

4. UTILITIES. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT POWER STATION AND WATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PEOPLE SHOULD BE ON SITE OBSERVING, IF NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE INSTALLATION. IT IS OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN THAT THE MAINTENANCE STAFF WILL HAVE TO LEARN INSTALLATION PECULIARITIES ONLY AFTER A BREAKDOWN. CONSIDER, FOR EXAMPLE, A FAILURE IN THE POWER SWITCHBOARD "MSB". SUGGEST EARLY ARRIVAL OF KEY MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL.

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